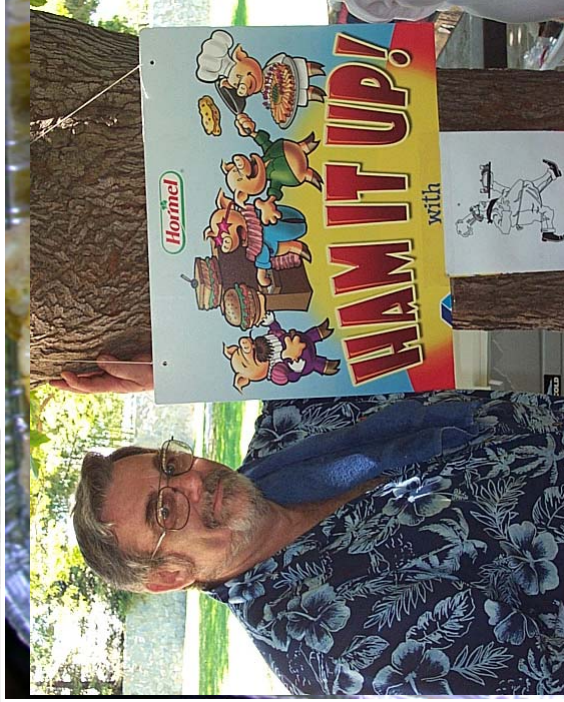




southern california dx club

July 2005



Soap Box— Words from our President



Is it really July? It must be because my friends in the Piña Colada Contest Club just got back from operating KP2AA for field day. Now they are waiting to see if they have set a new record for QRP. I know they set a new record for consumption of Rum while on the island. Hopefully everyone in the club had a fun and productive field day.

The picnic was a great success again this year and our congratulations to John, KA6TTV on winning the FT-857D. As usual Keith, K6LD did a fantastic job on the cooking with the assistance of Larry, K6YUI and Ernie, N6HY. I'm not sure exactly how many people showed up but we had a lot of new faces this year and consumed more food than last year. Also a big thank you goes to Rich, W6VX for getting the site again for us this year and to Bubba, W6ZPL for all his hard work.

Picnic by the numbers: 31lbs of Tri-tip, 12lbs of chicken, 10.5lbs of hot dogs, and 12lbs of hamburger. Not to mention corn, chili, salad, chips, drinks etc. etc. The club bought the meat, bread and drinks but the members really came through with the side dishes.

Has it gets to mid-year, believe it or not just about time to have the big kickoff meeting for Visalia 2006. The Visalia Web site has already had over 1000 hits and the behind the scenes work has already begun. The first meeting will probably be sometime in August so keep an eye on your e-mail for the official announcement. We need all the volunteers we can get.

While your working on all those summer projects around the house don't forget to get that garage, storage shed or shack cleaned out for the Anchors Away Night coming in September and after that it is just a few short months till we have winter conditions on 40m and 80m.

73 DE Jim, N6DHz

de the Veep

Visalia, 2005....Bubbas still smiling.

Hello to all from Bubba-dom. Let's talk picnic! What a perfect day, a perfect park and outstanding food. I cannot say food without saying Keith, K6LD. Like years past, he bought and organized the food he and his helpers prepared for us. Those of us there will attest to his BBQing skills and his homemade rub

(seasoning) for the Tri-tip and Chicken. There were also hot dogs and hamburgers and all the trimmings. Many brought side dishes and desserts. Mel's chili was a hit again this year. Take a look at the pictures because that tells the rest of the story.

We finished the picnic with a great raffle. The main prize this year was an Yaesu FT-897D, congrats John KA6TTV and to all the lucky winners. Also be sure to say thank you the next time you at Jun's as they very helpful in getting us the radio.

I also want to thank Mr. Organized, Jim, N6DHz for his help. Many times when the work starts friendships end, but not with Jim, he jumps in with both feet. All the things I missed, he picked up so nothing was missing on the big day. Plenty of everything. Note to the next VP.....Make friends with Jim first thing!

Lastly, I want to thank all the Bubbas and Bubettes that helped clean up. We left our area clean, the trashcans overflowing and our park hosts full of BBQ.

Bubbas done, see you at the July meeting



Here is a picture of Philneas and his wife at the last club meeting.



the secretary's ramblings

What is it that you write for the minutes of a picnic? The food was very good. Our own chef Keith who is a certified chef has once again done a great job. Thanks Keith. He is a DX'er too.

I was late arriving but a goodly crowd was still there. Virginia the XYL of Art W6EA, (sk) pulled the big ticket and the raffle began. We had the usual winners but one caught my eye. Suzie, XYL of Mel, did herself real good. Three items of which one at least can be used to aid in her sewing. HI HI. (She said that)

Now for the biggy.

John, KA6TTV won the FT 857D. One very fine radio. John says that to hear it, listen for him on field day. You know field day will be over but listen for him anyway.

Jim asked me if I knew who made the Hazel Nut Squares.

Of course I said NO. Guess who won the best dish? Yep, Eyvoughn, XYL of Me. I must figure out how to rub some of that luck on me.

I'm very glad I came this year. We will have to do it again.

I talked to KC Jones W6OB, a charter member, who had colon surgery recently is doing OK. You can send him a line or two to w6ob@scdxc.org. I know he would like to hear from the members.

Andy, WA6WXD was there and he told me he had recently made a trip to Alaska. That's the way to enjoy retirement. Rich, W6VX recently retired and was complaining that all the chores are done and he may be forced to watch SOAPS. Talk to Andy.

I have a favor to ask of you all. I had an idea for the bulletin. Harv can sure use the extra print.

When we have guests or new faces or new members have them come to me or bring them over. I would like to get some info so as to introduce these folks to the club.

More rambling from the Secretary, HI HI.

Steve, W6NRQ

SUMMER BASH

The bash will be held down south this year, on the 21st of August, at the QTH of Glenn, K6NA. Stand by for the time and a map.

Next General Meeting

The SCDXC meets the second Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be held 7:00 PM on July 14, 2005 at Syd Kronenthal Park in Culver City. The park is located 4 blocks west of La Cienega Blvd. and 2 blocks south of Washington Blvd. From the 10 Freeway exit La Cienega south to Washington Blvd. Turn right (west) 4 blocks to McManus Ave (it's La Cienega Ave to the right, McManus to the left). Turn left (south) 2 blocks to the Park. The street dead-ends at the parking lot. Please do not park in the school lot.

Ray Benny, N6VR will do a program about IOTA

See ya there!





SCDXC PICNIC—2005







AY1ZA – SOUTH ORKNEY ISLAND – DXpedition

January 29 To February 22, 2004

Continued from June issue

My stop was **Laurie Island** located in the **South Orkney Group**, Lat. 60° 45' S Long. 44° 43' W. Fortunately, I had a quiet voyage when crossing the strait of Drake during three days of navigation and arriving January 29th evening and anchored in the Scotia Bay waiting for the helicopter to load the antennas, boxes etc.



Helicopter with bags.



View from the helicopter of the Icebreaker anchored in the Scotia Bay.

When I finished my lunch, I started to install the 80 and 40 meters. dipoles, repair a multiband antenna installed in the base, which was used for 30, 17 and 12 meters., the four elements 20, 15 and 10 meters. were installed with the help of Navy boys because the weather was very cold, windy and snowy. As soon I put on the air the **IC-751 A**, the first qso was with **LU9DO John**, who answered my CQ call on **14.290**. More than **100 entities** were contacted on the bands and about **4.600 QSO's** were made and I had the chance to talk to many old friends around the world, that I couldn't reach from Buenos Aires since a long time, due to very poor conditions.

AY1ZA QSO STATISTICS

	SSB	CW	RTTY	PSK31	Band
160m	1				1
80m	319	3	1		323
40m	776	2	2		780
30m		9			9
20m	1963	55	184	31	2233
17m	437	2	5		444
15m	290	5	40	50	385
12m	41	2	1		44
10m	451	2	11		464
Mode	4278	80	244	81	4683



Navy Boys installing the mast.



Also they help me with the antenna.

Although my objective was to double the score, unfortunately everybody was talking to the main land with their parents and communications took long time. Remember that this is the only way to contact them; there are no telephones in the island. Sometimes I passed 15 hours without transmitting and time to time due to the bad propagation.



Henry LU4DXU as AY1ZA from Pampa house.



From left: Adrian op.2004, Anibal op.2003 and Henry LU4DXU/AY1ZA.

AY1ZA ACTIVITY

The two operators helped me giving me free space in the air for the amateur hams.

I started at 05:00 GMT and 11:00 GMT when conditions start to dim my bed was waiting for me and woke up at 16:00 GMT for lunch, then it had a free space and with good propagation I transmitted up to 18:30 GMT were the Navy operator started with his transmission and ended out 00:00 GMT, then, I had free space again, so I returned to the radio up to 02:00 GMT at the end I slept until 05:00 GMT and start al again with my unforgettable day hi hi !!!

I remember about two years ago, with **Claudio** and also **Jose Luis**, we worked at 22:00 GMT 15, 17 and 12 meters band with very good conditions and sometimes 10 meters. between **USA** and **Japan**, but this year propagation changed too much. I hope I will return again to communicate and give the chance to those who are looking forward the **South Orkney Island**.

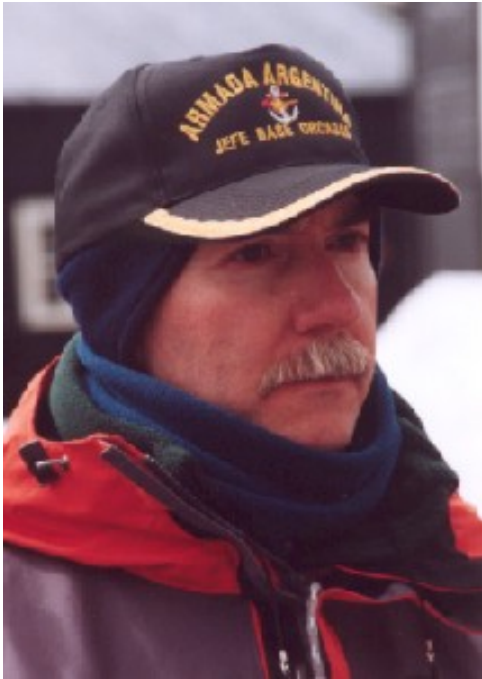
Something to Remember

About radio ham activity, **LU1ZA** is the call sign that the **Secretary of**

Communications assigned to South Orkney Island, but radio operators are working every day in their private frequencies connecting who want to talk to their parents in the continent, so that's why they do not appears on the amateur bands. On **2001/2002** I started with **Claudio** having schedule time/freq. putting the island on the air, that was wonderful !!! same thing with **Jose Luis** on **2002/2003**, unfortunately **Anibal** the **2003/2004** operator was very busy due to the centenary of the Base, and everybody worked hard in everything. I want to give a special thanks to **Hito JA8FCG**, **Masa JE1LET** and **Max IK6RUM**, they support qsl cards for **LU1ZA**.

First of all I would like to thank the **ARGENTINE NAVY** who made this trip possible. **Captain Mr. RICARDO GARDE**,

the base commander, welcomed me as soon as I arrived and made me feel at home.



Captain Mr. Ricardo GARDE, Base Commander

My special thanks go to **MULTIRADIO S.A.** who lent me the backup rigs. Thanks also to the many organizations and individuals who made this short DX-Pedition possible, successful an unforgettable experience: GDXF, EUDXF, NCDXF, MDXC, 425 DxNews, 59 Magazine, IT9EJW Alfio print shop, LU1BR, LU2AH, LU8ADX, LU8XP, LU9DO, DL1AXL, DL5EBE, DK7AO, F5PFP, F8DVD, GM3UCH, I1HYW, SWL Andreas Ibold, I1-12387 and many others ...



NAVY ANTARCTIC FORCE

73's GD DX from Henry

LU4DXU/AY1ZA

New 10 meter repeater

A 10-meter repeater is on the air from Mt. Harvard with a voting receiver system. Output: 29.66 MHz, Input: 29.56 MHz, PL = 107.2 Hz. The system is courtesy of Chris Buchanan, N6LXX, of KRCA-TV fame.

NEEDED

The SCDXC Newsletter needs your inputs. Articles of interest to hams are wanted. We pay the highest rates for accepted articles. Photos are welcome. Send your stuff to the editor, K6EXO, at harv@scdxc.org



Propagation July 2005

by Shel, W6EL



These predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are expected to be active during the coming month.

Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are

not listed. **A solar flux of 95**, corresponding to a **sunspot number of 45**, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed. Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

Good luck and good DX from Shel, W6EL.

ZK1 South Cook Islands - 7/2 to 7/12 -
Beam 222 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 7/7) 1714/0407
80: 0600-1230.
40: 0430-1330.
20: 0200-1230.

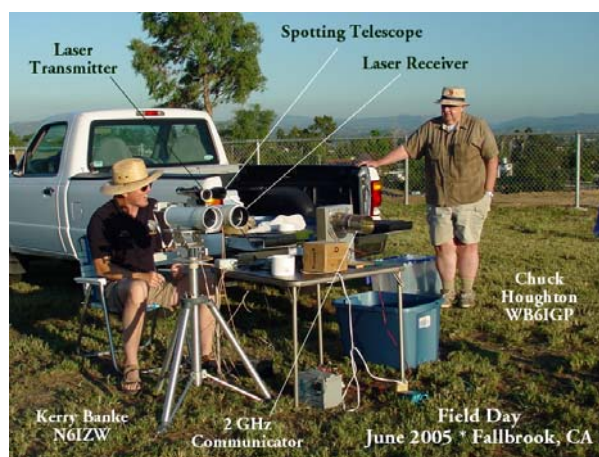
V3 Belize - 7/4 to 7/10 -
Beam 114 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 7/7) 1130/0028
80: 0330-1100.
40: 0130-1230.
20: 1230-0700.

KH0 Mariana Islands - 7/8 to 7/11 -
Beam 285 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 7/10) 1959/0847
80: 1130-1200.
40: 0930-1300.
20: 0700-1530.
15: 0230-0800.

OH0 Aland Islands - 7/9 to 7/10 -
Beam 20 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 7/10) 0151/1940
20: 0030-0700.

TI Costa Rica - 7/9 to 7/10 -
Beam 120 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 7/10) 1126/2357
80: 0400-0430.
40: 0200-1130.
20: 2330-1000.
15: Around 0330.

3DA Swaziland - 7/8 to 7/18 -
Beam 83 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 7/13) 0446/1515



It is always interesting to see what other hams do for fun — laser beam field day?

*Happy Birthday to
the USA*

HIGH SPEED FIREWORKS

If you have a high speed Internet connection, take a look at some of these mpegs from the directory list:

<http://tb3.com/tesla/cool/>

Of special interest is the explosion that took place during an apparent attempt to extinguish a transformer fire:

<http://tb3.com/tesla/cool/XfrmBlast1.mpeg>

Have a safe Fourth of July!

Subject: Security Tip

Important Travel security tip...

You know how when you check out of a hotel that uses the credit-card-type room key, the clerk often will ask if you have your key(s) to turn in...or there is a box or slot on the Reception counter in which to put them? It's good for the hotel because they save money by re-using those cards. But, it's not good for you, as revealed below.

From the Colorado Bureau of Investigation

"Southern California law enforcement professionals assigned to detect new threats to personal security issues, recently discovered what type of information is embedded in the credit card type hotel room keys used throughout the industry.

Although room keys differ from hotel to hotel, a key obtained from the "Double Tree" chain that was being used for a regional Identity Theft Presentation was found to contain the following the information:

- a.. Customers (your) name
- b.. Customers partial home address
- c.. Hotel room number
- d.. Check in date and check out date

- e.. Customer's (your) credit card number and expiration date!

When you turn them in to the front desk your personal information is there for any employee to access by simply scanning the card in the hotel scanner.

An employee can take a hand full of cards home and using a scanning device, access the information onto a laptop computer and go shopping at your expense.

Simply put, hotels do not erase the information on these cards until an employee re-issues the card to the next hotel guest. At that time, the new guest's information is electronically "overwritten" on the card and the previous guest's information is erased in the overwriting process. But until the card is rewritten for the next guest, it usually is kept in a drawer at the front desk with YOUR INFORMATION ON IT!!!!

The bottom line is : Keep the cards, take them home with you, or destroy them. NEVER leave them behind in the room or room wastebasket, and NEVER turn them in to the front desk when you check out of a room. They will not charge you for the card (it's illegal) and you'll be sure you are not leaving a lot of valuable personal information on it that could be easily lifted off with any simple scanning device card reader. For the same reason, if you arrive at the airport and discover you still have the card key in your pocket, do not toss it in an airport trash basket. Take it home and destroy it by cutting it up, especially through the electronic information strip!

Information courtesy of: Sergeant K. Jorge,

Detective Sergeant,
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FOR SALE SB-200 AND OTHER STUFF

The SB-200 is in good shape. I did run it briefly, but all of the HF equipment caused my fire alarm system to go off, so I have given up on it. It has been modified with all of the Harbach stuff: a new power supply board, as well as the Soft Start and Soft Key mods. It is wired for 220v. but that's just a jumper that can be moved for 110v. There is a manual with it, the instructions for the mods, and some internet notes I found interesting. They were a good low band amp, using 572B's, which are still around or can be substituted out if one wants.

Also, I also have the following Heath stuff which I found interesting, all with manuals. Of course, on all of the Heath stuff, no warranties or guarantees, which no one should expect because of age. All of it worked OK when I bought it on eBay.

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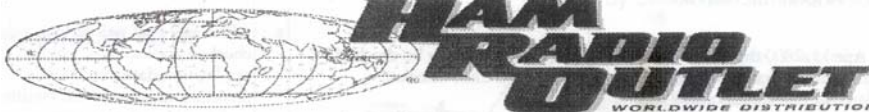
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